

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO THE JOINT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS,  
CHAPTER 295-2, *EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL DATES*  
RULE 295-2-.10, *Licenses Expiring December 31-Even Years*,  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Joint Secretary, proposes amendments to the Rules of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, Chapter 295-2, Expiration and Renewal Dates (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 295-2-.10. The Joint Secretary voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing on August 21, 2008.

The proposed rule amendment will formalize a period for renewing a license after the expiration date has passed for the following license types: master barbers, chiropractors, engineers and land surveyors, landscape architects, pharmacists, psychologists and veterinarians. The amendment will also remove several license types because they are no longer regulated by the boards that comprise the Professional Licensing Boards.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Professional Licensing Board's web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/default.htm> . Copies may also be requested by contacting the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 3, 2008 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 27, 2008. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1363

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Division Director at his meeting on November 3, 2008 scheduled to begin at 10:05 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Division Director has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-44, 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-18, 43-7-19, 43-7-20, 43-9-6.1, 43-9-11, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-50-40.

The Division Director considered at a meeting on August 21, 2008 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-44, 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-18, 43-7-19, 43-7-20, 43-9-6.1, 43-9-11, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-50-40.

Additionally, at this meeting on August 21, 2008, the Division Director considered whether it was legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-44, 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-18, 43-7-19, 43-7-20, 43-9-6.1, 43-9-11, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-50-40 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Division Director considered whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the fields regulated.

For further information, contact the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-1300.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

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Randall D. Vaughn  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: September 29, 2008

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE  
RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS  
RULE 295-2-.10, Licenses Expiring December 31-Even Years.**

**Purpose:** The proposed rule amendment will formalize a period for renewing a license after the expiration date has passed for the following license types: master barbers, chiropractors, engineers and land surveyors, landscape architects, pharmacists, psychologists and veterinarians. The amendment will also remove several license types because they are no longer regulated by the boards that comprise the Professional Licensing Boards.

**Main Features:** A penalty period for renewing a license after the expiration date has passed for the following license types: master barbers, chiropractors, engineers and land surveyors, landscape architects, pharmacists, psychologists and veterinarians.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS  
RULE 295-2-.03, Licenses Expiring November 30-Odd Years.**

**295-2-.10 Licenses Expiring December 31 —Even Years, and Lapsed, Late Renewal Periods. Amended.**

The following licenses expire on December 31 of the even numbered years:

- (a) Barbers (Masters, ~~Students, and Apprentices~~); with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup> of odd years;
- (b) Chiropractic; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of odd years;
- (c) Engineers and Land Surveyors; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup> four years after the expiration date. See O.C.G.A. §43-15-17(b);
- (d) Landscape Architects; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of odd years;
- ~~(e) Medical (Physician Assistants);~~
- ~~(f) (e) Pharmacy (Pharmacist);~~ with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> of odd years;
- ~~(g) (f) Psychology;~~ with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following odd year;
- ~~(h) (g) Veterinarians;~~ with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup> of odd years.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-44, 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-18, 43-7-19, 43-7-20, 43-9-6.1, 43-9-11, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-50-40.